Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council recently awarded nine new fellowships. The $3,000 grants are awarded annually to college faculty and independent scholars for research and writing projects in the humanities. The Humanities Council offers a variety of grants to nonprofit organizations that support educational programming, budgeting over $800,000 for grants and programs each year. Humanities Council fellowships, unique in West Virginia, are among its most competitive offerings. The 2021 Fellows and their subjects are:

Manal Alnatour (Morgantown), *The Intersecting Lives and Work of Syrian Women Refugees in Connecticut*

William Brustein (Morgantown), *Phantom Enemies: Anti-Semitism Without Jews, Germany, France, and the U.S.*

Erin Carlson (Morgantown), *Place and its power: Working towards a just economic transition for rural Appalachians*  

Nancy Caronia (Morgantown), *You Are My Best Maid: Gender and Diasporic Italian Women in Denise Giardina’s “Storming Heaven”*

Schuyler Chapman (Glenville), *From Living the Good Life to Whole Living: The Neoliberal Turn and the Back-to-the-Land Movements of Appalachia*

Kirk Hazen (Morgantown), *Sociolinguistic Variation and Change in Appalachia*


Maria Pérez (Morgantown), *Yearned Geographies: Caves, Archive, and Kin in Venezuelan Speleology*

Amy Thompson (Morgantown), *Attitudes toward and accessibility of languages other than English in West Virginia*

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council grants program, contact Humanities Council grants administrator Erin Riebe at (304) 346-8500 or via email at riebe@wvhumanities.org.
Grant guidelines and applications are also available on the Humanities Council website, www.wvhumanities.org.

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